Grade of Khandsari -Molasses	Price
Grade K-I	
Total reducing sugar by weight above 60 per cent.	Rs. 9·00 per 100 kilograms
Grade K-II	
Total reducing sugar by weight from 55 to 60 per cent	Rs. 7·50 per 100 kilograms
Grade K-III	
As per specification of Grade I cane molasses.	Rs. 6·00 per 100 kilograms
Grade K-IV	
As per specification of Grade II cane molasses.	Rs. 4·80 per 100 kilograms
Grade K-V	
As per specification of Grade III cane molasses.	Rs. 3·60 per 100 kilograms
Below grade K-V	Rs. 3·60 for every 40 kilograms reducing sugar content therein.

NOTE.—From the price fixed under the above schedule, 33—1/3% thereof shall be accounted for and funded separately by the producers, and shall be utilised for erection of adequate Storage facilities in accordance with the orders that may be issued by the Central Government for the regulation of such funds.

(b) The difference in the prices of sugar and khandsari molasses cannot be attributed to the diversion of sugarcane to khandsari and gur sectors.

(c) A new policy on molasses is likely to be finalised shortly.

Benefits to women bidi workers

2313. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the benefits being given to the women workers engaged in bidi industry; and

(b) whether any additional benefits are proposed to be given to them by Government; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Bidi workers, including women, are entitled to free medical care, provision of free spectacles and scholarships for their wards under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund. They are also entitled to subsidy and interest free loans under 'Build Your Own' Housing Scheme. Women workers are entitled to benefits under the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

(b) The upper wage limit for eligibility to avail of the benefits under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund has been raised from Rs. 1250 p.m. to Rs. 1600 p.m. Women workers will also be benefited by this. No scheme specially for women workers is under consideration.

Talks with South Korean Economic Delegation

2314. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the discussions held between the visiting South Korean economic delegation and Indian officials;